

**Ambassador Mull's Remarks to the American Chamber of Commerce  
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Thank you, Tony, for that introduction, and for all you and the American Chamber of Commerce have done to support the American business community in Poland. You have worked tirelessly in what has probably been the most eventful period ever in U.S.-Polish business relations, and the U.S. Embassy values your collaboration and support.

I'd like to congratulate you all on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AmCham in Poland! The U.S. Mission in Poland has been proud to partner with you during your first quarter century in Poland. In the past year, we have welcomed the Secretary of Commerce, the President's Export Council, the Commerce Deputy Secretary, the Undersecretary of the International Trade Administration, and several Assistant Secretaries as they visited Poland. Very few other countries have seen this level of high-level commercial engagement in such a short period of time. This is a testament to the importance the U.S. government and private sector places on the Polish market, and the exciting opportunities that exist here for business growth and economic partnership between our nations.

I'd like to thank AmCham for helping us to kick off the visit of Deputy Secretary of Commerce Bruce Andrews and the Cybersecurity Trade Mission. You helped to make this trade mission a success. The Foreign Commercial Service set up more than ninety one-on-one meetings for the delegation, as well as meetings with officials and potential partners from Slovakia, Lithuania, and Estonia, as well as EUCOM and NATO. Cybersecurity is a perfect example of an area where we can work together for the mutual benefit of our economies, our security, and our citizens, and the delegation's enthusiasm for Poland. As Deputy Secretary Andrews said, the United States is proud of its close bilateral relationship with Poland, and we want an even closer relationship, especially when it comes to business. AmCham and the companies you represent are responsible for forging that relationship, and you can be sure you have the full support of the U.S. embassy and the U.S. government in working to strengthen our economic ties.

Our collaboration was on full display when Poland selected Raytheon's Patriot for its missile defense system. This years-long effort involved not only Raytheon, but support and advocacy from AmCham and our diplomatic mission to Poland. The selection of Raytheon marked an important moment in the security partnership between Poland in the United States, and it also constituted the biggest single commercial deal in the history of relations between the United States and Poland.

When Secretary Pritzker was here last fall, she identified six critical areas of opportunity where U.S. companies can increase trade and investment with Poland. In addition to Defense and Information Technology, they are Infrastructure; Green-building; Intelligent transportation systems; and Energy. I look forward to seeing a stronger business relationship in all these fields.

When it comes to green building, for example, I was pleased to have the opportunity to take part in a Green Build conference co-organized by AmCham in April. The event was sponsored by several U.S. companies, and it was gratifying to see U.S. businesses deeply involved in such an important and

promising area of economic growth. Poland is precisely the type of country where U.S. companies with experience in clean energy can make a profound difference.

Just as U.S. companies can have a substantial impact in developing new clean technology, they can have an impact in other areas of Poland's creative economy. A prime example of our long-term support for fostering innovation is the Polish-U.S. Innovation Program, or PLUS-IP. This is a collaboration between the U.S. and Poland to strengthen Poland's innovation ecosystem and create links between our academic communities, industries, high-tech companies, and governments. I am delighted AmCham is one of the members of the PLUS-IP Council, and co-chairs one of the four subcommittees. Thanks to Tony Housh and Rick Lada for their support to PLUS-IP. Tony joined the Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education on May 12 to brief the Polish business community about PLUS-IP. Thanks to their efforts, there are a number of new Polish companies and agencies eager to participate. With AmCham's continued input, I am confident this program will drive new technologies and commercial projects which will benefit firms in both countries.

And, of course, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is an ongoing effort we are all working on. The ninth round of negotiations just concluded, and the tenth round will happen soon. I can't emphasize enough how important this agreement will be for the business interests of both our countries. The transatlantic economy is vibrant and interdependent, generating about half of global GDP. This is an extremely strong foundation on which to build a trade partnership. T-TIP is especially notable because it promises to improve efficiencies for businesses of all sizes, from virtually every sector, while maintaining high standards of environment, health, and safety protections on both sides of the Atlantic.

So T-TIP is a recipe for economic success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy, and I know I can continue to count on your support to extol the benefits of closer trade between the United States and Poland to your Polish partners. AmCham plays a key role in the Friends of T-TIP organization, and I am relying on all of you to take this message of support to all your contacts in business, government, and civil society. Be vocal in your support of T-TIP. There's a lot of misinformation about the agreement out there in the media, on university campuses, and in businesses. Be the voice that counters the misinformation. The business community is the best trade advocate, including large corporations as well as small and medium sized businesses. I call on you all to become Ambassadors for T-TIP.

Before I conclude, I want to mention the recent presidential elections, and the upcoming parliamentary elections. The strength of democracy is that voters can decide on change, and in the presidential elected, they did just that. Similarly, we cannot predict what will occur in the upcoming parliamentary elections.

But when it comes to U.S.-Polish relations, I am confident our fundamental goals and our strong bilateral ties will remain, no matter what government is elected in Poland, or, for that matter, in the United States.

So thank you again for everything you've done to forge powerful economic and commercial ties between our countries. Thanks to your dedication, I have no doubt the U.S.-Polish economic relationship will become even stronger in the future.

Thank you.